GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CIRCULATION OF OLD GAS CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of very old and outlived cooking gas cylinders are in circulation in the market which are responsible for deaths of consumers and Government is suffering a lot of revenue loss as a result thereof ;

(b) if so, the number of such cases noticed by the Government during the last year ; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to stop circulation of such cylinders ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are procuring LPG cylinders from cylinder manufacturers who are approved by the Oil Industry Technical Committee (OITC) and have valid manufacturing licences from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE). Strict control is exercised by BIS over the manufacturing process. LPG cylinders procured by OMCs meet the required quality standards.

LPG cylinders received from distributors/ transporters at the bottling plants are mandatorily checked for their quality and genuineness to avoid the entry of fake and outlived cylinders in circulation. On detection of sub-standard /spurious cylinders, these are confiscated and thereafter de-shaped / crushed to prevent their re-entry into circulation.

(b) & (c) : OMCs have not reported any accident on account of old and outlived cylinders supplied by their distributors during the last year.